

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Mark Henry SHIPTON et al.

Group Art Unit: 1794

Application No.: 10/531,945

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For: METHOD OF FORMING A VIBRATION DAMPING COATING ON A METALLIC  
SUBSTRATE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In reply to the October 17, 2007 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally

elect Group II, claims 9-11, 24 and 25, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-25 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would

encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully

submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without

serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an

entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the

merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis

added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in

order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by

the Patent Office.

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Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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